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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: AB 32 PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED

REGULATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY TRACTORS AND 53-FOOT OR LONGER

BOX-TYPE TRAILERS

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in public workshops to discuss a proposed regulation to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from on-road heavy-duty tractors and trailers operating in the State of California. Specifically, the proposed regulation would apply to long haul heavy-duty tractors that haul 53-foot or longer box-type trailers (i.e., dry vans, refrigerated vans, and curtain-side vans) and to 53-foot or longer box-type trailers hauled by such tractors. The proposed requirements would apply to tractor/trailer owners and operators, motor carriers, brokers, and California based businesses that receive or ship freight in 53-foot or longer box-type trailers. The workshops will address some proposed changes to the proposed regulation since previous workshops held in June 2008.

This rulemaking, which is based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary SmartWaySM Transport Partnership program, aims to reduce GHG and criteria pollutant emissions by improving the efficiency of long haul trucking through the use of technologies that reduce aerodynamic drag and rolling resistance. At the workshop, ARB staff will discuss the proposal, including recent potential modifications, respond to questions, and receive comments.

The workshops will be held in Sacramento, San Diego (Otay Mesa) and El Monte on the dates and times listed below.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

Sacramento

Location:

Date: Monday, July 28, 2008 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(Webcast available)
Air Resources Board

Sierra Hearing Room

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California 95814

http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm

San Diego

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 Time: 9:00 pm – 12:30 p.m.

(Simultaneous Spanish translation available)

Location: Sanyo North America

2055 Sanyo Avenue

San Diego, California 92154

http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=San+Diego&state=CA&address=2055+Sanyo+A

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El Monte

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board

Auditorium, Annex 4 9530 Telstar Avenue

El Monte, California 91731

http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/elmomaps.htm

Workshop Materials

An agenda for the workshop and a draft of the proposal will be posted on ARB's website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hdghg/hdghg.htm/ prior to the first workshop date. If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the Heavy-Duty Vehicle GHG Reduction Measure, please sign up at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/hdghg.htm.

Additional Information

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance, or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess. or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049. As noted above, the San Diego workshop will provide simultaneous Spanish translation.

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For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcasting) will be provided during our Sacramento workshop on July 28, 2008; however, the remaining two workshops will not be webcast. The Sacramento broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1.

Comments or questions about the proposed regulation or related matters can be directed to Mr. Daniel Hawelti, Air Resources Engineer at dhawelti@arb.ca.gov or (626) 450-6149 or Ms. Dassi Pintar, Air Pollution Specialist at hpintar@arb.ca.gov or (626) 575-7007.

Sincerely,

/s/

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